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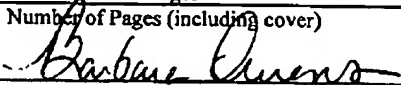
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Sir:

This communication confirms the telephone conference of even date between the undersigned and Examiner Nicholas Smith during which it was pointed out to the Examiner that on the Office Action Summary Page of the September 15, 2006 non-final Office Action, the Examiner had inadvertently left out the typical three-month indicator of the shortened statutory period for reply. The September 15, 2006 Office Action contains both an election/restriction requirement together with art rejections under 35 USC § 103(a).

Therefore, clarification was requested as to the correct shortened statutory period. The Examiner indicated that the correct statutory period should have reflected three-months from the mailing date of the September 15, 2006 non-final Office Action.

Accordingly, the undersigned indicated to the Examiner that we would today file this communication confirming our discussion that the actual shortened statutory period for filing a response to the September 15, 2006 non-final Office Action will be docketed as December 15, 2006 and not October 15, 2006.

Note that the Examiner indicated, "sorry about that," referring to the inadvertent omission of the three-months shortened statutory period which is typical.

Respectfully submitted,

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